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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on September 20, 2011 in conference Room A/B at the Maryvale Hospital located at 5102 West Campbell Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85031. Chair James Washington called the regular meeting to order at 4:46 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: James Washington, Business Member and Chair; Dr. Patricia Merk, Educator Member and Vice Chair; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member; Jennifer Quillin, At Large Member; Karen Stewart, Faith Based Member.

Member in Attendance by Phone: Robert Donofrio, At Large Member.

Members Not in Attendance: Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider.

Quorum: Established.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Washington welcomed all guests in attendance and requested that the Public introduce themselves and identify if they were a grantee.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Tabled.

Chair James Washington welcomed and introduced Karen Stewart who was recently appointed to the Council as the Faith Based Member by the State Board at their August 28, 2011 Meeting.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Rhonda Bannard, American Academy of Pediatrics: Presented to the Council an update on Reach out & Read. Jamie Moore, T.E.A.C.H. also presented the Council with updates on the T.E.A.C.H. Program. Handouts were also provided on each of the programs.

4. CALL TO THE PRESENTERS: The power-point presentation – A Community Speaks was presented to the Council by Lakisa Muhammad Founder/CEO of A Mother's Worth Doula Services. Alyce-Anne Meadows from Maricopa County Department of Public Health also provided an update to the Council on the South Phoenix Preventative Health Collaborative. Rachel Post from Smart Support provided an update to the Council on behalf of Laura Schulz who was unable to make the meeting this evening.

Member Kristi Langley-Wells joined the meeting.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION AND WORK SESSION: 2013-2015: Provided in Council packets were three documents pertaining to target service units. Director Gonzales gave a brief synopsis of where the Council is in terms of the final 4th quarter as the end of SFY2011 closed out. Jonathon advised that the funding plan summary provided in the packets will go to the State Board for their consideration and approval next week. Jonathon advised that the changes reflected are based on the changes that were made at the last Council meeting relating to Physician Outreach Education and Care Coordination,

spending down the rest of care coordination strategy line and the increase to Pre-K scholarships for Cartwright and Laveen. Jonathon referred to the un-allotted amount of almost five million dollars but reminded the Council that the un-allotted amount will need to sustain the current level of funding and account for the increases in Quality First! The centers that are currently funded by the State Board (around 6 for the South Phoenix Region) will be transferred to the Region and no longer be funded by the State. As a result, the Council will fall short around six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) next year in order to cover the centers in Quality First that will be transitioned from the State to the Region. Jonathon also pointed out that there are quite a bit of funds that have not been reconciled from grantees as well as statewide strategies which include Child Care Scholarships, T.E.A.C.H., and Child Care Health Consultation. Jonathon then gave a brief overview of the contract detail report provided in Council packets and the Target Service Numbers for Grantees.

Member Robert Donofrio requested information on what happened to the Regional Boundary transfer where Southwest Maricopa would get one of South Phoenix's zip codes. Jonathon explained that the transition will take place over a two year period of time and that it was voted on and approved by the State Board to transition zip code 85037 to Southwest Maricopa. Jonathon also advised of the Task Force that will be put together by the State Board to look at boundaries within Maricopa County and the number of Councils in Maricopa County. Dr. Donofrio expressed concern for the people in zip code 85037 because Southwest Maricopa does not have enough funding even with the roughly \$600,000.00 they will receive for the zip code to sustain programs at the current funding level that South Phoenix is currently funding at.

Director Gonzales outlined the planning process for the next few months that the Council will engage in for the Funding Plan Development and the strategic Direction for 2013-2015. **School Readiness Indicators With Priority Roles:** Jonathon explained that this was the dialogue from the Summit in some of the break-out sessions. There are 10 School Readiness Indicators as identified and recommended and voted on by the State Board last month.

Jonathon requested that the Council study the key on page 3 of the Better Off Indicators for Priority Roles. Jonathon also requested feedback on the materials provided and reviewed which will be used in the planning process for the SFY2013 Funding Plan.

Director Gonzales reviewed with the Council Policy recommendations for School Readiness Indicators. Jonathon also expressed his concern that the health indicators chosen by the State Board do not align with some of the challenges that South Phoenix is experiencing in the Region, but was relieved to see them reflected in the key measures.

Jonathon reviewed with the Council a tool that they will be using during the planning phase of their funding plan. Jonathon advised that the information will be filled in at the next few meetings.

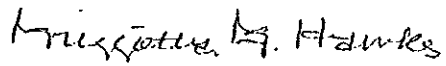
Needs & Assets: Jonathon will put together a summary sheet that can be posted on the wall with some of the overall statistics i.e. the number of children, number in poverty, number of child care centers, etc. Jonathon asked the Council to bring any key specific numbers relevant to South Phoenix for the next session.

Future Meeting Dates for Planning: The consensus of Council was to hold a planning meeting on October 11, 2011 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm and extend the regular meeting on October 18, 2011 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES: **Kristi Langley-Wells:** It was nice the other day at the Town Hall Meeting. **James Washington:** A formal thank you to previous Chair Bob Donofrio for his leadership for the past three years. James asked the group if they would consider getting together for a celebration. It was requested that an invite be sent out to all the members for a dinner for Bob along with a courtesy notice posting for the chosen date. Chair Washington would like for seasoned Council Members to work with the two newest members Jennifer Quillin and Karen Stewart on the volume of information they will receive for the funding plan preparation. Chair Washington also requested that Community Outreach Coordinator Rana Hermosillo report out on the Town Hall Meetings. Member Robert Donofrio will work with Jennifer Quillin and Member Patty Merk will work with Karen Stewart. **Dr. Patty Merk:** Roosevelt Family Resource is having a meet and greet for agencies from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on this coming Friday, September 23, 2011. The University of Arizona College of Medicine is having a speaker on pediatric brain injury on September 26, 2011 located at the Bliss ReBar which is at 901 North 4th Street, Phoenix, Arizona from 5:30 – 6:30.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Member Jennifer Quillin moved to adjourn, second by Vice Chair Patty Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



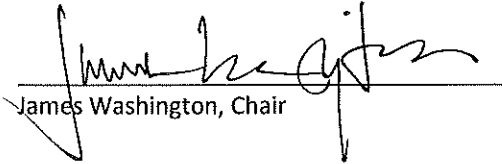
Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL:



James Washington, Chair